



Application No. 10/002,676
Amendment Dated July 31, 2006
Reply to Office Action of March 29, 2006

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of)
BRALY et al.) Examiner: Ahmed, Shamim
Application No.: 10/002,676) Art Unit: 1765
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2006, and within the period for response extending to July 31, 2006, with a one-month extension of time. Please note that July 29, 2006, is a Saturday. Therefore, the period for response with a one-month extension of time extends to Monday, July 31, 2006. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this Amendment.